

Firearms Information to Add to Park Websites

By **February 5, 2010**, all parks must add language to their website on the impact of the new federal firearms law.

If firearms will be allowed in your park, use the following language:

As of February 22, 2010, a new federal law allows people who can legally possess firearms under applicable federal, state, and local laws, to legally possess firearms in this park.

It is the responsibility of visitors to understand and comply with all applicable state, local, and federal firearms laws before entering this park. As a starting point, please visit our state's website. *[ADD a link to a state webpage with information about state and local firearms laws]*

Federal law also prohibits firearms in certain facilities in this park; those places are marked with signs at all public entrances.

If firearms are not allowed in your park, use the following language:

The laws of this state prohibit the possession of firearms in this park, except as allowed under specific National Park Service regulations. For those regulations, you may read Section 2.4 of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, or call or email this park.

Please Note:

- Parks may add more specific language that would be helpful to visitors (e.g. identify federal facilities where firearms are prohibited, if hunting is allowed, links to other federal, state, or local **government** websites with useful information). **As always, superintendents are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of all information.**
- Do not remove your current firearms information from your webpage **until February 21**.
- For consistency, this information must be added in the CMS navigation on the "Laws and Policies" page located under "Management." If you do not have a "Laws and Policies" page currently, you need to create one and add the firearms information. If you already have a "Laws and Policies" page, just add the firearms information to your existing page.
- The firearms information can be linked to or highlighted on any other park page as needed (e.g. Plan Your Visit, News, homepage)

Questions?

On how to post: contact your regional web coordinator

On language: contact your regional chief ranger

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